Mr. Buckle stated that the breweries had been reduced one year, but the next year had been increased. The companies had complained bitterly of it, but they had assessed them as they thought right, which they did in other cases.

Ald. Hiscox cited the case of a house belonging to him, which had been assessed higher than the surrounding houses in proportion, but was told by Mr. Buckle and Ald. Bartlett that the house which he complained of was not assessed more in proportion than the adjoining places.

Ald. Heaman admitted that the Assessors should not be required to be responsible for other people's work. He supposed the mistake he had spoken of the other night was caused in copying the Collectors' roll from that of the Assessors.

Ald. Boyd thought the effort should not be made to make the Assessors reponsible for the work of others.

Ald. O'Meara said the matter was in a nutshell. There was a clique here who wanted to get rid of the Assessors anyhow.

The time announced for the third reading of the By-law granting $75 000 loan to the London & South-eastern Railway, having arrived, it was then taken up.

Messrs. Cronyn and Little being present, were asked to address the Council.

Mr. Cronyn said they were here, as they thought it only right that they should be here, to witness the last act in the effort to get the Michigan Central here. He referred to the doings of the Railway Board, and was happy to say that to-day they were in a position to announce that they had instructed the architect to at once call for tenders for the erection of the buildings, which would be proceeded with at once.

Mr. Little confirmed the remarks of Mr. Cronyn, and expressed his pleasure that the matter had been completed, and that almost the last act of the Council of 1886 was to pass this by-law which would give the desired connection.

Ald. Taylor said, as the representative of No. 1 Ward, it was his duty in the interest of his constituents to ask the route, and where the buildings would be located.

Mr. Cronyn answered that the plans as prepared by the Board had been forwarded to Mr. Ledyard at Detroit, and had been accepted. It was settled as far as that the route would be along Bathurst street as far as Wellington, but as to whether their funds would allow them to go on the north or south side he could not say. There was no desire to conceal anything, and it was certain the road would be proceeded with at once.

On motion of Ald. Kingston, seconded by Ald. Taylor, the by-law was read a third time and finally passed.

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald, that the City Solicitor and Treasurer be instructed to prepare the agreement in accordance with the spirit of the by-law, and to issue the debentures as soon as required. Carried.

Ald. Kingston moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the communication from the assessors be received and filed.

In amendment Ald. Hiscox moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald, that the communication be referred to the new Council. Carried.

NO 3 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Boyd, Chairman: —

1 – *Re* Edward Whiting's account. Referred to the City Solicitor.

2 – That the City Solicitor be instructed to give notice in the *Ontario Gazette* that a bill will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature for the issuing of debentures amounting to $150 000, for the increase of the Water-works system, and that the matter be recommended to the incoming Council and Water Commissioners, and that the ratepayers be called upon to pronounce upon it.

3—That the arrears of John Craig, late a tenant of stall No 11 in the bazar, amounting to $32 20, be struck off, he having left the limits.

4—That the tender of James Cowan & Co. for rubber hose for the Hospital, at 15 cents per foot, inclusive of couplings, being the lowest, be accepted.

5—That Thomas Wheeler be appointed call man in the fire hall, vice O'Hagan, retired.

6 – There were 38 meetings of the Committee during the year, of which they were attended by His Worship the Mayor attended 18, absent 20; Ald Watson attended 2, absent 10; McDonald attended 34 absent 4; Hiscox present 17, absent 7; Stringer present 30, absent 8; Boyd present 34, absent 4; Nutkins present 33, absent 5; Taylor present 10, absent 1.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

Upon clause 1, Ald. Stringer moved that Mr. Whiting be paid $150 in full of his services at the Small pox Hospital. Ald. McDonald seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Kingston moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the matter of Mr Whiting's claim be referred to No. 3 Committee of the new Council.

The amendment was carried.

On clause 2, Ald. Taylor moved that it be struck out. Ald. Boyd seconded. Carried.

Clauses 3 and 4 passed.

On clause 5 the Chairman was requested to read the names of all applicants, whom he said were Messrs. Nottley, Aikens, Wheeler, Nicholson and McCallum.

It was decided that the names of all should be submitted, and upon a vote being taken Mr. Nottley received the appointment.

Clause 6 passed, and the report was adopted as amended.

NO 2 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Hook, Chairman: —

1 – There were 42 meetings of No. 2 Committee during the past year, and they were attended as follows: — His Worship the Mayor present 16, absent 26; Ald. Hook present 36 absent 6; Taylor present 37, absent 5; O'Meara present 38, absent 4; Garrett present 38, absent 4; Heaman present 38, absent 4.

2—That the communication of W. M. Moore *re* drainage of Rosedale, be filed.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

His Worship was then requested to leave the chair, which was taken by Ald. Boyd.

On motion of Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Davis, a cordial resolution of thanks was passed to his Worship for the faithfulness and uniform courtesy with which he had discharged the duties of his position during the year.

The mover and seconder spoke in very high terms of the efficiency and courtesy of the Mayor through the year and the latter rendered a strong tribute of praise to Ald. Kingston as Chairman of No. 1 Committee.

His Worship replied in a feeling manner, expressing the views that had inspired him to act only for the best interests of the city, and hoping all who might represent the city in future would endeavor to lay aside all other feelings and act only for its best interests.

On motion of Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Stringer, a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring members.

Adjourned *sine die*.